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JAP' ARMY ALL READY, SAYS ISHII

Foreign Minister Asserts Empire is Willing to Send Big Force to Europe if It Is Needed.

Greece Meets "Demands" of Allied Nations—Four Transports Land Troops of Allies at Saloniki.

Paris, Nov. 24—Japan is willing to send a strong army to Europe if the need arises, the Petit Parisien says. A statement to this effect is credited to Baron Ishii, Japanese foreign minister, by G. Lecharrier, Tokyo correspondent of this newspaper. He quotes Baron Ishii as follows:

"Thus far we have not considered the possibility of sending an army to Europe but if there is occasion therefor Japan will immediately send in one expedition a very strong army. Japan does not intend to risk a check."

In regard to the supplying of arms for Russia by Japan, the foreign minister is said to have remarked: "Russia does not need men, as only one-third of the men mobilized have been armed. By the end of the month Japan will have done much toward arming completely the other two-thirds."

More Troops at Saloniki.

Paris, Nov. 24—Telegraphing from Saloniki under date of Nov. 23, the correspondent at Saloniki of the Havas News Agency says: "Four more transports heavily loaded with troops arrived in port this morning."

Meets Allies' Demands

London, Nov. 24—A Reuters message from Athens says the Allied ministers presented a collective note to Premier Skouloudis, "demanding" that Greece define her attitude. The cabinet was immediately called together.

After the cabinet meeting the Greek ministers said the situation had been cleared by the presentation of the note, which gave the government definite information in regard to what was expected by the allies. These ministers added that Greece never had refused requests for assurances of the security of the allies' troops in Macedonia.

New Campaign on in Balkans.

Paris, Nov. 24—Reports are in circulation in Greece that Great Britain and France are preparing for important new efforts in the Balkans. The Saloniki correspondent of the Petit Journal says he has learned from a member of the Serbian government that Premier Asquith of Great Britain sent a telegram on Monday to the Serbian government giving firm assurance that Great Britain and France will carry through the expedition. Mr. Asquith is quoted as having said:

"I can assure you France and England are preparing surprises in the Balkans. You will shortly have corroborations thereof."

Heavy Fighting Marks Campaign in Balkans

London, Nov. 24—Conflicting claims to victory in the Balkans leave the present situation in doubt, but it is evident that the advances of the Austro-German armies and their Bulgarian allies is not so rapid as earlier reports indicated. Apparently heavy fighting is under way in the section of the country where the Teutonic invaders are attempting to form a junction with the Bulgarians.

The fate of Monastir is still in the balance. Reports emanating from Athens say that the Bulgarians having regard for Greek susceptibilities, are waiting for a speech delivered by the House of Lords in which the British government declared that the House of Lords needed a censorship.

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EARL OF DERBY REPLES TO CRITICS, URGES NEED OF 'PARLIAMENT CENSOR'

London, Nov. 24—In severe denunciation of freedom of speech such as in the recent instance of the speech delivered by Lord St. David in the House of Lords in which he attacked the British headquarters staff, the Earl of Derby, in charge of British recruiting, speaking today before the stock exchange, declared that the House of Lords needed a censorship.

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ENOCH HINCKS DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Pioneer Manufacturer Here and Esteemed Citizen Succumbs Today.

After an illness extending over several years which became acute about three weeks ago, Enoch P. Hincks died this morning. Born in Bucksport, Me., in 1846, practically Mr. Hincks' entire life was spent in Bridgeport, or his father, John W. Hincks, moved here with his family in 1850. Mr. Hincks was educated in Mr. Day's school and entered business when 14 years of age in the carriage firm of Wood Bros.

With the exception of two years, Mr. Hincks continued in the carriage business for years, buying out in conjunction with George H. N. Johnson, the Wood Bros.' business, and forming the firm of Hincks & Johnson in 1878. In 1908 this firm dissolved, and for the last seven years Mr. Hincks has retired from active business life. He still took prominent part in various financial interests of the city in connection with the Peoples' Savings bank of which he was vice president, the First Bridgeport National bank, of which he was a director, and the White Manufacturing Co., of which he was president.

Mr. Hincks was a lifelong member of the First Congregational church, filling many offices in connection with this church, for the last 10 years being chairman of the society's committee. He was also one of the trustees of the Young Men's Christian association.

In 1869 he married Cornelia E. Hart of Madison, who survives him. Mr. Hincks also leaves three children, Mrs. James G. Ludlum, Henry W. Hincks, and Mrs. Samuel H. Hawley. He was the uncle of William T. and Robert S. Hincks of Hincks Brothers & Co., bond brokers.

He served for a number of years as a member of the board of assessors and was at one time president of the board. He took an active interest in all municipal affairs, but never held any other public office.

One brother, Prof. Edward Y. Hincks of Cambridge, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Carroll S. Adams, are also left to mourn the loss of a man honored in the city, respected by his acquaintances, and loved by his family and friends.

GUARDS INCREASED AS CAPITAL HEARS BOMB PLOT RUMORS

Department Buildings Are Protected By Extra Squads of Men.

Washington, Nov. 24—The watchfulness of the guards about all the principal government buildings in the capital has been doubled in special orders. Today guards stationed at positions commanding all the entrances to the building which houses the state, war and navy departments were under orders to question and, if necessary, search any persons of whom they had doubt. Anyone carrying a package of any sort was subject to questioning. Hundreds of tourists pass through the building daily.

Since a bomb explosion wrecked a room in the capital last summer, guards have kept government detectives busy, there have been more than usual activities among the guards here.

Ralph Robinson's Release Expected

Coroner Phelan probably will exonerate Ralph Robinson from blame in the killing of Nicola Palatiello of 70 Housatonic avenue who was crushed under a motor truck driven by Robinson on Thursday morning. All witnesses have told practically the same story. Palatiello was riding a bicycle down a moving trolley car going south in Main street, threw him off under the wheels of Robinson's truck.

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TIMEKEEPER AT AMS CO. HOLDS UNIQUE POSITION

Duty is to See That Pickets Get Six Months in Jail, He Tells Court.

STRIKER RELEASED AFTER TRIAL TODAY

Judge F. L. Wilder Throws Case Out When Witnesses Disagree.

The duties of the head timekeeper at the plant of the Max Arms Machine Co. on Scofield avenue, Fairfield, are to take employees of the factory during the present strike situation, that plant safely to their factory benches and also to see that pickets alleged to be intimidating strike-breakers "get six months or more" when arraigned in the local city court on a charge of breach of the peace.

This is a statement made in city court today by James A. Pinkley, chief timekeeper at the Max Arms factory, when appearing against Peter Sowiński of 161 Lee avenue, a picket, charged with committing a breach of the peace and intimidating one Roman Sowiński of 1412 State street, a machinist employed there during the strike at the plant.

Sowiński has been living in this city only six months and admits knowing that there was a strike at the Max Arms Co. when he procured a job there a month ago. He alleges that Coleman threatened him yesterday morning when on his way to work. Sowiński said that he told Coleman he would not join the strike and the officials of the company would see that the picket got six months in the Fairfield county jail. Coleman retorted by telling Sowiński that he would take the six months and would not stop him in his endeavor to add employees to the list of strikers, as he believed it to be a worthy cause.

That was the length of the argument between the picket and the strike-breaker. James Pinkley, the guardian of the strike-breakers, was close by and he told Coleman that he "could see that he would get six months." With that the timekeeper had a warrant drawn out for the arrest of Coleman.

In city court this morning the testimony given by Sowiński and Pinkley did not convince Judge F. L. Wilder. The court said that the state had presented no convincing evidence. Prosecutor A. L. DeLaney reprimanded Pinkley for not telling the same story in city court that he had related while making the complaint in the prosecutor's office yesterday.

Judge Frank L. Wilder ordered the case thrown out of court. This is the fourth case of similar nature connected with the strike at the Max Arms plant that has been thrown out of court. Two weeks ago in the Fairfield county court, Judge J. W. Wakeham entered a nolle in three of the cases, one of them holding the court in session from 9 in the morning until 5 o'clock in that afternoon.

RELEASES WOMAN WHO STABBED HER SPOUSE WITH KNIFE

Husband Recovering in Hospital From Wound Inflicted By His Wife.

In city court today Judge Frank L. Wilder suspended judgment in the case of Mrs. Josephine J. Cronan, 702 Housatonic avenue who is charged with assault with intent to kill her husband. Mrs. Cronan has been placed in the custody of Mrs. Isaac Burgess, probation officers.

Mrs. Cronan is a neat appearing woman and has been the means of support for a family of four children for the past six months. While she was working as a domestic during the day Cronan would lounge about the house, according to Mrs. Cronan, and when she returned home at night the husband would demand money with which to purchase liquor. If she refused he would administer a beating to his wife.

The state of affairs has existed in the Cronan household for the last five months or more and Mrs. Cronan alleges that she has repeatedly complained to the prosecuting authorities but no action has ever been taken in her behalf.

On Wednesday of last week shortly after midnight Mrs. Cronan was attacked by her husband and in order to defend herself she grabbed a large bread knife which she wielded with disastrous results to her husband. During the struggle the point of the knife entered the abdomen of Cronan and he was removed to St. Vincent's hospital in what was believed to be a dying condition. Reports from the institution today say that he is now recovering.

Mrs. Cronan waited on Supt. Spencer R. Gordon of the local Charities department this morning in an endeavor to have two of her children, aged two and four years, committed to the county home. If she is successful in her endeavor she claims that she will be able to support herself and the other two youngsters without any help from her husband. She has also appealed to Prosecutor A. L. DeLaney to give orders compelling her husband to keep away from her home as she does not desire his company or help.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Moderate variable winds.

Bargain Days Here If You're Looking For Fair Buildings

San Francisco, Nov. 24—The beginning of the end of the Panama-Pacific Exposition has been reached, it was announced today by the action of fair officials inviting on all the main exhibit palaces except the Palace of Fine Arts and the California building. The Arkansas building, said to have cost \$25,000, has been sold for \$500. The Palace of Fine Arts will be kept open until May 1.

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Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and St. Louis all desire the convention. It is said that Dallas has raised a \$100,000 fund as an inducement to bring the convention there. San Francisco, it is said, is raising a bigger fund.

The date and place of the convention will be decided at the meeting of the National Committee in Washington, Dec. 7. Indications are that the meeting will be short and that the convention will be held early in the summer. Democratic sentiment is strong for an early gathering.

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It was with this in view, said Mr. McCormack yesterday, that he called the national committee together for December 7, the day after Congress opens, when Senators and Representatives, bulging with political "dope," will be flocking into Washington with all sorts of ideas and plans. That will give the members of the National Committee an opportunity to make a study of the situation they must meet, not only in staging the convention but in engineering it through to a successful conclusion.

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New York, Nov. 24—Locked in each other's arms, the bodies of Robert Green, an elevator man and watchman, and a man believed to be a burglar, were found today at the bottom of an elevator shaft in a 10-story hotel building in the shopping section of the city. Green, a negro, apparently had found burglars at work on the tenth floor of the building and while struggling with one of the men, both had fallen into the open elevator shaft.

A pile of silks and other goods were in the elevator, evidently put there by the burglars before they were discovered.

HOUSATONIC WILL BE CLOSED EARLY FOR NAVIGATORS

Ice Has Formed Already and Shippers Are Getting Boats Out of Derby.

Navigation on the Housatonic river to Derby and Ansonia is likely to be closed earlier than usual this year. Ice has already formed along the edges of the river from Stratford, Conn., to Derby, and the probability of a heavy winter is being made today by the Bridgeport Towing Line, to get as many barges in and out of Derby as possible. The tug McAllister, Capt. Henry Schultheis with the Barge Fabian made what is believed by towing men to be one of the last trips of the season today. No passage on the Housatonic river will be guaranteed after Dec. 1.

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NO FARMER TOMORROW

In accordance with custom, there will be no issue of The Farmer tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

GERMAN RAIDERS COALED BY VESSEL FLYING U.S. FLAGS

Government Witness in Hamburg Line Trials Tells How He Took Supplies From New York to Battleship Fleet in Atlantic Waters—Waited Many Days Before Sighting Warships and Then Discharged Huge Cargo.

New York, Nov. 24—How the Hamburg-American Line succeeded in reaching German warships in the Atlantic in August and September, 1914, with 2,000 tons of coal and large amounts of foodstuffs by means of the steamer Berwind, an American boat under the American flag, was told today on the witness stand by the Berwind's captain, Fritz Edward Falkenberg.

The Berwind sailed from New York the night of August 5, ostensibly for Buenos Ayres, with Poppinghaus as supercargo and in charge. Taking up Captain Falkenberg's story there, her movements were as follows:

"First, Poppinghaus ordered him to stay within the three mile limit after leaving Sandy Hook, to avoid British cruisers but later instructed him to steer for Cape Hatteras. There he was told to steam back and forth, as he might meet German ships. For 35 hours the Berwind did steam back and forth over a sixty mile course and finally at 6:30 a. m., August 28, sighted a German fleet of five ships.

The ships were the Cap Trafalgar, the Pontas, the Eleanor Woerner, the Santa Lucia, and the tiny German gunboat Eber. The Cap Trafalgar hoisted a signal "B. M." meaning "come nearer," after the Berwind, on Poppinghaus' order, had hoisted the same letters.

Weather was stormy, the winds high and the seas heavy so the Berwind was unable to discharge her cargo, stayed 16 days with the German fleet. When the elements moderated she discharged her provisions, 40 tons of many kinds of foodstuffs and much of her coal, to the Cap Trafalgar and the Eleanor Woerner. On September 1 or thereabouts, three of the fleet sailed away, leaving only the Pontas and Cap Trafalgar to which the Berwind was still discharging her cargo. Before leaving, however, the Eber gave up her guns—two four-inch rifles, and six one-pounders—to the Cap Trafalgar.

CHARLES BEAN, FORMER BRIDGEPORT RESIDENT, IS EXECUTED BY MEXICANS

Charles Bean, an electrical engineer, at one time known in Bridgeport through his activities in the Bean Amalgamated Copper Co., with offices in suite 13, of the old Bridgeport Trust Co. building on State street, has been executed by Mexican rebels in Mexico.

Word of the disaster has been received at Douglas, Arizona, in the form of a telephone message which merely states that his body was found today near Puerto Citos and that he had been executed Nov. 20. Details of the incident are lacking though it is likely that the matter will at once become the subject of investigation by the State Department.

As far as is known at this time Charles Bean, who was a relative of Samuel A. Bean, who for many years conducted the Bean Amalgamated copper office in this city, has been in charge of the electrical engineering of the Green-Cannara Copper Co. plant at Puerto Citos, Mexico, for a period of nearly eight years, coming to the United States during the summer months.

Through his uncle, Samuel A. Bean, also an expert mining engineer, was directly connected with the copper mining venture in Lordsburg, Texas, in which he interested many Bridgeporters to a large extent. Charles Bean is understood to have had no direct connection with that company in an official capacity. When in this city he lived on Iranshaw avenue. The Bean Amalgamated Copper Co. offices in this city have been abandoned for about a year and it is not known where Samuel Bean is now residing.

FINDS BAG HE MISSED FILLED WITH JEWELS TAKEN FROM WEALTHY

William V. Dee, secretary of the Drouche Co. of this city, living at 578 Beechwood avenue, was almost the possessor of \$20,000 worth of jewels. Dee nearly had them as a gift from a careless crook who previously had stolen Dee's satchel and pawned his clothing, but honesty prevented his keeping them and the result was that New York detectives caught one of the boldest crooks they have had to deal with recently and a wealthy New York woman has the gems restored to her.

The incident occurred last Wednesday when Mr. Dee, who travels in the interests of the local skylight concern, was stopping at the Hermitage hotel in New York.

Dee had been absent during the early morning and returning to his room at noontime noticed that his satchel was missing from the room. He reported the matter to the hotel management. Later Mr. Dee had occasion to go to the cloak room for his hat and noticed his bag checked in the room. He claimed it and was surprised upon opening it to find it well filled with diamond rings, watches and a large diamond necklace that sparkled in the lights of the corridor. His own efforts were meagre.

Convinced with New York detectives the bag was returned to the cloak room and after a lapse of several hours a man claimed it, took the bag to a room and was in the act of dumping in other jewels of great value when arrested.

At police headquarters he broke down and confessed robbing several wealthy families on the west side of Manhattan island. The owners later claimed their valuables and through pawn checks found upon the robber Mr. Dee recovered all his stolen property. The thief has been held for trial by special sessions court.

BRIDGEPORT BAKERIES HOUSE CHOICE COLLECTION OF PIGS, GOATS, CATS, DOGS, AND BIRDS

At a future meeting of the board of aldermen a resolution will be presented by the local board of health recommending the creating of a city ordinance prohibiting the housing of domestic animals in local bakeries and prohibiting smoking by employees while working in the baking apartments.

Sanitary Health Inspectors C. Howard Dunbar and Louis Hilsinger have made an investigation of local bakeries during the last week. In one shop the inspectors found a goat and in the rear of the shop where the flour is stored they found another "nanny" goat with a litter of four kids. In another shop they found two pigs with a group of sucklings. To another was a sick cat and four ducks while in still another were a dozen or more chickens. These inspectors sent no city ordinance prohibiting the housing of domestic animals in such places and it is the intention of the members of the board to have such an ordinance created.

TRY TO ENTER TWO SOUTH END STORES

An attempt was made to enter the newsroom of John Malloy at 24 Railroad avenue and the meat market of W. E. Winn of 118 Warren street last night. The intending burglars were scared away by pedestrians who later reported the attempts to the police.